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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

In response to the official action mailed March 25, 2004, the applicants request reconsideration based on the following amendments and remarks. Included with this response is a petition for a one-month extension of time and authorization to charge Applicants' account 110.00 to cover the extension-of-time fees.

The amendments to the claims with a complete claim listing begin on page 2 The remarks begin on page 6.

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